



RHODE ISLAND EARLY CHILDHOOD ORAL HEALTH *ACTION PLAN:*

A Framework for the Future

PROGRESS TO DATE

ADDENDUM
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RI EARLY CHILDHOOD ORAL HEALTH (ECOH) Coalition

Promising Strategies: *Progress To Date* [Jun 2005]

Promising Strategies

A. Data/Surveillance

1. Expand + coordinate statewide OH surveillance system

B. Regulations/Legislation

1. Revise licensure + dental practice regulations
2. Expand OH advocacy efforts targeting legislators/policymakers

C. Training

1. Expand training/mentoring for:
 - Primary Care Providers (PCPs)
 - HS staff/others
 - OH providers willing to treat very young children

Progress To Date

- ❖ Periodic HS/EHS Health Reports to Health Advisory, Parent and/or Policy Councils
- ❖ Program Information Reports (PIR) per federal guidelines
- ❖ Quarterly health reports [CCCSP to DHS]
- ❖ OH Surveillance Plan

Other Existing Data Sources

- ❖ BRFSS
- ❖ BSS [Selected HS/EHS agencies]
- ❖ DHPSAs/workforce surveys
- ❖ HIS
- ❖ Hospital discharge data
- ❖ License 2000
- ❖ Medicaid data/Medical Assistance claims
- ❖ PRAMS
- ❖ RI Kids Count Issue Briefs + Factbooks
- ❖ Safety net dental clinic data [hospitals, CHCs]
- ❖ School-based programs/school dental screenings

- ❖ DMD/RDH "licensure by credentials" approved by RI Board of Examiners in Dentistry
- ❖ RDHs allowed to work in nursing homes under general supervision
- ❖ 2005 Legislative session:
 - ✓ Local Anesthesia Privileges for RDHs (S 812-Sub A, S 314, H 5945, H5282)
 - ✓ OH Access (S 982, S 529, H 5783, H 5787, H 6179)
 - ✓ RI residency/minimum practice time requirement for members of dental board (H 6302)

- ❖ Family Advocate Training
- ❖ Grand Rounds, Hasbro Children's Hospital
- ❖ Pre-service OH training for education staff
- ❖ OH incorporated into curriculum
- ❖ OH training for AmeriCorps + PCHC staff in conjunction with NHSC SEARCH Program
- ❖ Parent/staff training [health advisory councils, health fairs, baby showers + CCRI RDH student/HS pilot project]

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D. Workforce Development

1. Promote dental careers to science students
2. Support dental education
3. Expand community health opportunities for OH students
4. Reinforce OH provider recruitment/retention efforts
5. Provide practice incentives
6. Promote licensure/scope of practice changes
7. Engage PCPs

- ❖ New cohort of pediatric dental residents, St. Joseph Hospital [8 residents in Jul 2005]
- ❖ General Practice Residency Program, RI Hospital accredited
- ❖ RI Health Professional Loan Repayment Board approves loan repayment for one pediatric dentist
- ❖ Expansion of safety-net OH programs + school-based sealant programs
- ❖ Dental Safety Net Taskforce
- ❖ OHPAC + RI Board of Examiners in Dentistry review RDH refresher training options
- ❖ DMD/RDH "licensure by credentials" approved by RI Board of Examiners in Dentistry
- ❖ RDHs allowed to work in nursing homes under general supervision

E. Public Awareness/Prevention/Curricula

1. Promote/leverage resources for population-based prevention interventions
2. Update OH curricula + resource info for young children + families
3. Create a cross-cultural OH public awareness/prevention campaign

- ❖ *Teeth-on-the-Go*: children's educational program - books, video, audiocassette, lesson plans [Delta Dental]
- ❖ *Early Childhood Tooth Decay (ECTD)* public awareness campaign for parents/health providers [Delta Dental, RI Kids Count, NHPRI, and RI Dept. of Health]
- ❖ Community-based health promotion programs - Providence Children's Museum, pre- & elementary schools [RIDHA]
- ❖ Sports mouthguard policy statement [OHPAC]
- ❖ *Give-Kids-A-Smile!* Day [RIDA]
- ❖ OH incorporated into curriculum, daily oral hygiene practice, dental puppets + *Bright Smiles* curriculum utilized for instruction [HS/EHS, CCCSP]
- ❖ Parent/staff training [health advisory councils, health fairs, baby showers + CCRI RDH student/HS pilot project]
- ❖ OH in RI + National media [RI print: ~20; other segments: periodically]
- ❖ RI Kids Count Issue Briefs + Factbooks

F. Benefits/Reimbursement

1. Expand RIte Care/Medicaid transportation + interpreter services
2. Revise RIte Care/Medicaid benefits + RIte Care/Medicaid/commercial reimbursement rates
3. Increase Medicaid resources for young children + their families

- ❖ Medicaid dental benefit revision: objective orthodontic criteria proposed for Medicaid case review [by Jul 2005]
- ❖ DBM pilot to enroll children 0-5 years [by late 2005]

Outcome: *Improve OH + decrease disparities for RI's young children*



2005 RHODE ISLAND EARLY CHILDHOOD ORAL HEALTH HONOR ROLL

For their dedication and commitment to improving the oral health of Rhode Island's young children, the *Early Childhood Oral Health Coalition* has appointed the following oral health professionals to the *2005 Rhode Island Early Childhood Oral Health Honor Roll*.

- ❖ Ben Baghai, DDS
- ❖ Paul Bazzoni, DDS
- ❖ Jill Beckwith, MPH
- ❖ M. Christine Benoit, DMD
- ❖ Sarah Berard, RDH
- ❖ Harriett Carlson, CDA
- ❖ Suzanne Charron, RDH
- ❖ Manuel Cunanan, DDS
- ❖ P. Hakan Durudogan, DDS
- ❖ Deb Farrelly, CDA
- ❖ James Hosmer, DMD
- ❖ Kay Jenkins, DDS
- ❖ Cynthia Johnson, BS, RDH
- ❖ Daniel Kane, DMD
- ❖ Mark Lucier, DMD
- ❖ David Napolillo, DMD
- ❖ Lauren Nocera, MSW, MPH
- ❖ Christine O'Brien, DMD
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- ❖ Eric Prosseda, DMD
- ❖ Gisella Rodriques
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- ❖ Carole Stimpson, RN
- ❖ Tom Swanson, DDS
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